

REMARKS

Reconsideration and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1- 5 remain in the application.

Claim 6 has been cancelled in favor of newly added claim 7.

Claims 1 - 5 have been rejected under 35U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over U.S. 6527488B2 to Elze et al in view of farrell et al.

The Applicants hereby state:

Application 10/665,644 and patent U.S. 6527488B2 were, at the time the invention of application 10/665,644 was made, jointly owned by H. E. Elze, and O.D. Elze, and M. Caires .

And therefore state that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 6 has been cancelled in favor of new claim 7 which makes no reference to the American Association of Railroads.

Corrected drawings have been submitted herewith. Formal drawings have been ordered and are to be filed with the application.

It is believed that all of the reasons for rejecting the claims have been overcome. Allowance of all remaining claims is earnestly solicited.

Respecfully submitted,

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